

Public Scoping Comment Form



We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal review process and return your completed comment form today or mail by September 21, 2009. Thank you.

Which meeting did you attend? AUGUST 19TH 2009 WALSENBURG.

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Purpose and Need | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic and Cultural Sites |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visual / Aesthetic Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio or Television Interference |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proximity to Residences | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources (Floodplains, River Crossings) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>PROPERTY VALUES, QUALITY OF LIFE, FUTURE ELECTRIC RATES, ENVIRONMENTAL/WILDLIFE IMPACT</u> | |

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Easement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Please provide your comments on the proposed project in the space provided below:

PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING 61 LETTERS
THAT ARE IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROJECT.
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME IF
YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR I CAN BE OF
ASSISTANCE IN EXPLAINING OUR OPPOSITION
TO THIS PROJECT.

THANK YOU,
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LA VETA, CO 81055

September 12, 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

I am opposed to the San Luis Valley-Calumet-Comanche Transmission Project and the proposed usage of RUS funds to support the construction of this project.

I-338-001

My opposition to this project is two fold. First, this project will have huge impacts on my life and those of my family and my neighbors. These impacts include degraded quality of life, threats to health, decreased property values, increases to future electrical rates, environmental scars, threats to wildlife and a serious breach to our incredible scenic beauty.

I-338-002

Secondly, I question the need for more power in the rural areas that this transmission line is proposed to support. Does the demand for this power actually exist or is it that Tri States/Xcel Energy simply needs to sell the power that their Comanche plant generates? If the latter is the case, as I suspect, I do not want my taxpayer dollars going to support this private enterprise at my personal expense.

I-338-003

Perhaps a better use of our taxpayer monies would allow individual homeowners access to these funds to add alternative energy systems to their homes.

In closing, let me be clear, I do not want this transmission project in my county, on my property or in my view and I do not want my taxpayer dollars used to support this project.

Thank you for your close attention to this serious issue.

Sincerely,



CHARLENE A. OLSEN

1210 COUNTY ROAD

LA VETA, CO 81055

Cc: John Salazar, Congressman
Cc: Ken Salazar, U.S. Secretary of Interior
Cc: Michael Bennett, U.S. Senator

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I-338-001: Environmental Consequences (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential environmental consequences and mitigation measures from the proposed project will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.

I-338-002: Purpose and Need (In Review)

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I-338-003: Project Alternatives (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. A range of reasonable project alternatives and mitigation measures including the no action alternative will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

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